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Applicants: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No: 39780-1618P2C48
Serial No: 09/903,640 Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: July 11, 2001 Examiner: Konstantina T. Katcheves
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No. 11), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for three months with fees.

In the Specification:

The paragraph, beginning at page 69, line 6, has been amended as follows:

C: --Percent amino acid sequence identity may also be determined using the sequence comparison program NCBI-BLAST2 (Altschul et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 25:3389-3402 (1997)). ~~The NCBI-BLAST2 sequence comparison program may be downloaded from <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>.~~ NCBI-BLAST2 uses several search parameters, wherein all of those search parameters are set to default values including, for example, unmask = yes, strand = all, expected occurrences = 10, minimum low complexity length = 15/5, multi-pass e-value = 0.01, constant for multi-pass = 25, dropoff for final gapped alignment = 25 and scoring matrix = BLOSUM62.--

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited on March 11, 2003, with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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